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THE SOUTH WILL DECIDE.

The active struggle now on for the democratic presidential nomination affords a unique study in politics. Even the most sanguine of the democrats confess that their chance this year is merely a fighting one, but the canvass for the nomination on the part of the various aspirants could not possibly be more acute. The candidates are fighting not so much for the honor attached to the nomina tion or the possibility of success in the election as for the principal involved. On the one hand are lined up the conservatives, men of the Cleveland stripe, while pitted against them are the men who have been regular in their political habits. The last-named class is vastly in the majority, though the former once defeated Mr. Bryan-in 1896 when 50,000 votes, properly placed, would have elected him over the lamented McKinley.

It is now almost certain that Judge Parker will not be named by the democrats. Judge Parker was brought into sudden prominence by those who fought their party's candidate in the last two campaigns. He is known as the candidate of Mr. Cleveland. Several months have elapsed since Judge Parker's name was sprung, yet the judge has never once delivered himself of a political utterance. He is noncommittal as to matters of polities, and refrains from expressing any opinions, evidently fearful a statement made before the convention assembles would be construed to be antagonistic to one of the two contending factions within the party.

the country it is Hearst vs. someone else. In Massachusetts it was Hearst vs. Olney; in Illinois, ker. Everywhere his campaigners are active among the democrats, and it is becoming evident he will go into the convention with a greater apparent following than any other candidate. When his name was first mentioned he was laughed at. But a man of Mr. Hearst's energy is not to be laughed at. He has become the greatest publisher in the world, and when he tries for an honor he can be depended upon to get it if such a thing is possible. Eliminating the vote of the south in the national convention, he would receive the nomination which he is seeking.

Mr. Bryan is still the factor in democratic polities. The great mass of democratic voters stand behind him. He was nominated twice and on both occasions thrown down. Had the sound money democrats supported him he would have won in 1896, when, as has him the victory-although not the majority of the popular vote. The man who tries for the presidency of the United States on the democratic ticket and fails because of the refusal of democrats to support him enjoys the sympathy of the voters. For this and other reasons Mr. Bryan represents the bulk of the democratic vote of the union.

Mr. Bryan is opposed to the schemes of the reorganizers. He says these reorganizers defeated him and thereby sacrificed the party. He demands the nomination of a man who has always supported the nominee, and his demand in this respect is eminently he will be found supporting Mr. Hearst, who has always been regular in his support of the ticket.

But the nomination will be made by the south This section of the union furnishes the democratic strength, and is, therefore, entitled to say who shall be the nominee. The democrats of the south are anxious for success and will vote in convention for the nominee who appears to be strongest in those northern states which are considered doubtful, or possible of being carried. The south does not seem favorably inclined toward the candidacy of Mr. Hearst, but at the convention may support him. The south wants the party to return to the old-time principles, but probably will not countenance the nomination of an irregular democrat. If Mr. Hearst is not successful. then, it is likely a dark horse will be named-and the

prophets are pointing to Mayor McClellan of the American metropolis, who has always been good and who is regarded with great pride by both factions.

DUTY OF PARENTS TO CHILDREN.

Socrates, observing his eldest son, Lamprocles, it rage with his mother, the sharp-tongued Xantippe rebuked him in a discourse duly reported by the admiring Xenophon. "Can there be any stricter obligation than children are laid under to their parents?" asked the philosopher. "For it is they who gave them a being, and who have put them in a condition to behold all the wonders of nature, and to partake of the many good things exhibited before them by the bounty of providence, and which are so delightful, that there is not anything that men more dread than to leave them." The philosopher then describes the anxieties and the pangs endured, the labors undergone, the solicitude exhibited by the mother for her child; and he presents all these considerations to Lamprocles as good reasons why he should be respectful even to the ill-humored Xantippe.

The duty of children to their parents is emphasized by all preachers, Christian, Hebrew and pagan. and the argument of Socrates is repeated from many proprietor. Consider the immense pulpits. "Honor thy father and thy mother," saith the commandment. But this obligation between passeems beyond question that the county rent and child is not unilateral but mutual, although from Mr. Payne's place to Bunker Hill the duty of parents to honor their children and show so far developed in different places them gratitude is not often touched upon by the near there as to show to any one the homilists. After all, we must remember, children ary not consulted about being brought into the world, and the action of the parents in bringing them hither ern Pacific rationad on a very cast is not inspired by any parental love for the children. grade, and the fuel for smelting can be If we ought to bless our parents for all the good that secured at a nominal cost-coal and we enjoy in life ougth we not also curse them for all wood abounding in the neighborhood the evil that happens to us between birth and death? Philosophers have questioned whether it is worth farming lands, it must naturally forge while being born; whether it is not a kindness to leave ahead. It has also the proud distincan infant in that state of oblivion and nothingness tion of being out of debt, which shows where it has reposed, without pain, from all eternity

Parents, having brought a child into the world. are responsible for it. They owe the child a duty to iron and smelting apparatus at work give it the best nurture, the best education, and gen- and he will have the support of all peoerally, the best bringing up within their means. Hay, ple interested in the development of ing brought a child into the world, they are under an obligation to make the child's way as smooth and happy as possible, and Xantippe, scolding Lamprocles, was really violating her duty as much as he vio-fectionery; lated his duty by falling into a rage with his mother. cookies, etc., etc.

A good many parents look on their children as In point of strength at the present time Mr. chattels who owe numerous duties, but to whom no Hearst has a decided lead. He is getting strength duties are owing. But if there were such a thing as which his opponents never expected he would get weighing and measuring duties, the greater burden, Illinois and Indiana have gone for him. All over in all likelihood, would be found to rest upon the parents. It is right enough that children should be happy, vigorous old age. respectful and obedient, and natural enough that Hearst vs. Harrison; in New York, Hearst vs. Par- they should be affectionate; but children, too, have their rights.

> The term "anthracite coal," which so many writ- his life saved by Dr. King's New Disers persist in using, should be laid on the shelf along with that other old favorite of the careless, "funeral obsequies," or its equally slovenly expression 'yearly anniversary." As well speak of a "dead after effected a complete cure." Similar corpse." "Anthracite" means simply "hard coal." It is not an adjective, but a noun in its own right, and should be respected accordingly.

A young Frenchman, occupying the position of gist. Trial bottles free secretary to a member of the Spanish nobility, has just been sentenced to imprisonment in Paris for pawning, without authority, an historic necklace belonging to the Bourbon family. There's usually been previously stated, 50,000 votes would have given trouble when a man gets too familiar with anything with Bourbon in it. Pity the secretary didn't know

> Fully 900 Astorians who ought to vote this year have thus far neglected to register. County Clerk Clinton and his deputies can take care of about 113 voters a day for the next eight days, so if the de- B. H. TRUMBULL, Commercial Agent linquents will make up their minds to hurry a full vote will be polled at the coming elections.

If the Oregon Historical Society is duly incorporated under the laws of the state of Oregon, and correct. Doubtless when he finally declares himself made up of some 800 of its best citizens (not including "Billy" Welch); if the society is all that is claimed for it, and really has no designs upon Shark rock-who swiped the McTavish monument?

> A hero of the Boer war is visiting in Portland. and, strange to relate, he has not yet commenced suit against the Portland Club for twice the amount of money lost by him at the gaming tables.

> Mr. Himes says he is not going to swipe Shark rock. And he might have added that no one is going to swipe it for him.

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WELCOME AFFECTS CANNON.

Speaker of House Greets Townspeople With Voice Full of Tears.

Ill., May 6.—Speaker Joseph M. Cannon received an enhusslastic welcome at home this evening A majority of the business houses were closed and an immense crowd lined the streets. Business dwellings were dressed with flags and bunting. When Cannon could make himself heard, his voice was shaking and tears stood in his eyes.

"I would rather have this," he said than any other testimonial on the face of the earth."

> Columbia County Iron Ore. From the St. Helens Mist.

Frank Payne of Scappoose has in-Scappoose creek, and in a short time will be smelting iron for market. We have seen a sample in the possession of Dr. Cliff of this city, and it appears to be of very fine quality. It was taken from the first trial run, made about a month ago. We are to be congratulated upon having such a man as Mr. Payne in our county, who is willing to spend his money in the development of the rich resources, and we feel sure that it will result in great benefit to the amount of good it will bring to others in the county and community. It abounds in Iron ore, and it has been quantity and quality. It is so located that it can be brought to market by Columbia county is destined to a great future. Rich in minerals, lumber and will be found entertaining and energetic, and pleased to show any one the

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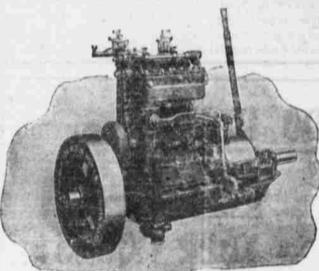
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